

Amendments to the SPECIFICATION:

Without prejudice, please amend the Specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 33 (and ending at page 14, line 13) of the Specification as follows:

--In step S1 it is cyclically checked whether the brake pedal is being operated. If operation of the brake pedal has been determined (~~(Y)~~ (Y)), a timer is triggered, and it is checked, in step S2, whether velocity V of the vehicle is greater than shutoff velocity Va. If this is not the case, i.e., when the vehicle is almost stopped, it is further checked, in step S3, whether the pedal path is greater than a certain threshold value Wmin. If this is also not the case, it is checked in step S4, with the aid of the timer, whether the duration of operation tb of the brake pedal is greater than a certain threshold value tbmin. If this condition is also not met, the procedure jumps back to step S1, and the cruise control system remains active until further action. Only in the event of a positive result in one of steps S2, S3, and S4, does the procedure branch off to step S5, and the shutoff function is triggered.--.